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Chief
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423

Contract C-7500

Dear Section Chief,

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Lease, dated as of January 25, 2010, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The name and address of the party to the enclosed document are:

Lessor: American Railcar Leasing LLC
620 North Second Street
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

[Lessee: Ascend Performance Materials LLC
400 Park Avenue
Suite 810
New York, NY 10022]

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is:

15 railcars: SHPX 454256 - SHPX 454271 (excluding SHPX 454267).

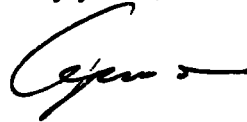
A short summary of the document to appear in the index is:

Memorandum of Lease

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$41.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvord", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/sem
Enclosures

MEMORANDUM OF LEASE

This Memorandum of Lease is prepared and filed by American Railcar Leasing LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, on behalf of (i) itself as lessor and/or as assignee of ACF Industries, Incorporated, ACF Industries LLC, American Railcar Industries, Inc., and/or ACF Acceptance LLC as the sole member of various ACF Acceptance entities, and/or (ii) as manager for one or more of the following affiliated lessors: ARI First LLC, ARI Second LLC, ARI Third LLC, ARL II Funding LLC and Shippers Third LLC, all with respect to Ascend Performance Materials LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company ("Lessee").

American Railcar Leasing LLC (as assignor or lessor, herein, "Lessor") and Lessee have entered into that certain Contract as identified on Schedule A (as amended, changed, assigned, modified and supplemented from time to time, together with any schedules and exhibits thereto, the "Lease"), pursuant to which Lessee leased the railcars listed on Schedule A attached hereto from Lessor on the terms and conditions set forth therein, and from time to time may lease other railcars bearing the reporting marks SHPX and/or ACFX.

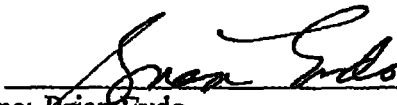
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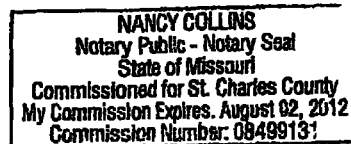
This Memorandum of Lease is prepared for registration purposes and is not intended to amend the terms and conditions of the Lease.

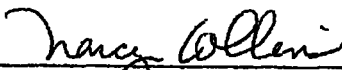
AMERICAN RAILCAR LEASING LLC

By: 
Name: Brian Evdo
Title: VP – Business Development

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF ST. CHARLES)

On this 25th day of Jan., 2010, before me, personally appeared Brian Evdo, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he resides at St Charles, Missouri and is the VP – Business Development of American Railcar Leasing LLC, that said instrument was signed on the date hereof on behalf of said company by authority of its governing body; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said company.




Notary Public
My commission expires on 8/2/2012

Schedule A

Equipment

Ascend Performance Materials LLC

Contract C-7500 *dtg 1/12/10*

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reporting Marks</u>	<u>Road Numbers</u>
	Hopper	SHPX	454256
	Hopper	SHPX	454257
	Hopper	SHPX	454258
	Hopper	SHPX	454259
	Hopper	SHPX	454260
	Hopper	SHPX	454261
	Hopper	SHPX	454262
	Hopper	SHPX	454263
	Hopper	SHPX	454264
	Hopper	SHPX	454265
	Hopper	SHPX	454266
	Hopper	SHPX	454268
	Hopper	SHPX	454269
	Hopper	SHPX	454270
	Hopper	SHPX	454271

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CERTIFICATION

I, Robert W. Alvord, attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have compared the attached copy with the original thereof and have found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document

Dated: 3/10/10



Robert W Alvord